

# GREEN VIEW - RADBROOK

(including Rad Valley, Mytton Oak Road and Bowbrook Meadows)

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## JOIN A NEW GROUP TO LOOK AFTER OUR LOCAL RIVERS



The watercourse you glimpse running through Bowbrook Meadows, Rad Valley Gardens and the 'cinder path' off Longden Road is one continuous stream. It eventually flows into the Severn at Burrs Field opposite the Quarry, having started its journey near Ford just off the A5.

Pete Lambert, River Projects Manager at Shropshire Wildlife Trust, told us this and lots more fascinating information in an online meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June to set up a new residents' group to look after our watercourses.

We have all enjoyed getting to know our local area better during lockdown and appreciating the green spaces and wildlife. We need to keep a close eye on new developments in the area, to make sure that the green spaces in the plans are provided, protected and managed for people and for wildlife.

Pete and his colleagues are keen to help local groups. As soon as we can we'll be back in touch with them to organise the next steps, including hands-on training in how to monitor the health of these waterways. They are working on a new project to celebrate and get to know Shropshire's waterways, so this is a perfect time for us to set up our local group and be part of that.

***Please contact us if you're interested in being on the mailing list for this new group.***

## THE POWER OF GREEN



Julian's campaigning work helped make Shropshire Council review its policies

Julian Dean, Green Party councillor on Shropshire Council, has succeeded in making Shropshire Council realise that it must put its money where its mouth is when it comes to the climate emergency. Councillors from all parties agreed

with Julian's motion to ask Shropshire County Pension Fund to add climate change to its list of financial risks, and remove its investments from fossil fuels within 3 years.

This is a huge victory for all the campaigners who have worked so hard on this and who Julian was representing by putting this proposal forward. To find out more about their work go to [fossilfreeshropshire.com](https://fossilfreeshropshire.com).

## LITTER PICK 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

To start helping our local watercourses as well as wider green areas, we're organising a socially-distanced litter pick at the open space on Rad Valley Road/Crowmeole Lane SY3 8AT on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 10.30-12.30.

**Please come along and join us. All kit provided.**



Photo taken in 2019

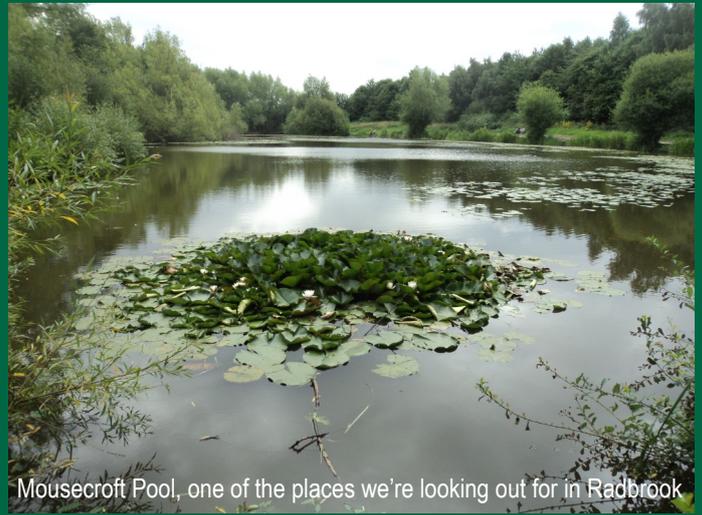
# LOOKING OUT FOR WILDLIFE

Our area's special green spaces are one of the things that makes it such a great place to live. Mousecroft Pool is one of these. For anglers and many others it's a place to sit and contemplate, especially recently when we have spent more time than usual indoors.

In June we were concerned to see that some important works to the pool, postponed due to lockdown, were carried out. This is a time of year when water birds, insects, fish and other animals most need the cover of plants at the water's edge.

Several of you also raised this with us so we contacted Shrewsbury Town Fisheries to ask what assessments had been carried out before doing these works during bird breeding season. We are grateful to have received a quick response detailing what steps they went through to protect the nature around the pool whilst the works were carried out. Whilst not ideal timing, we are reassured that the pool could have suffered far more if the works had been delayed further.

If you have any concerns about the environmental impacts of any works in the area, please let us know and we will be happy to look into it.



Mousecroft Pool, one of the places we're looking out for in Radbrook

## RADBROOK VOLUNTEERS CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY DURING LOCKDOWN

The Covid-19 pandemic has made huge and possibly permanent changes to what we thought of as 'normal life'. It has been incredible to witness the spontaneous emergence of Community Action and Mutual Aid groups to help vulnerable people. Dozens of Radbrook residents answered the call and offered their time and help freely when it was most urgently required, a truly heart-warming display of community spirit. We are very much aware that the danger is by no means over, as we both have family who remain vulnerable, but we would like to pay tribute to everyone who came forward to help. It is a privilege to have played a part in such an important activity.



## SPEED CONCERNS

Whilst the amount of traffic on local residential streets may have gone down during lockdown, speeds certainly did not. Road safety remains the number one issue that people contact us about, including concerns about ambulances using unapproved routes. We will update you in the next newsletter.

## STOP PRESS!! PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES FULL FOR 2020

Shropshire Council say that local schools including Radbrook Primary "have no vacancies for September 2020". With the new school at Bowbrook Meadows still not even at the planning stage we will follow this up and will report back in our next newsletter.

Source: Shropshire Star 20th July 2020

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